

BOATS BRING LARGE CARGO OF FOODSTUFF SITUATION BRIGHTER

MAILS ON TIME—WINSTED EXPRESS DELAYED BY ENGINE DERAILMENT—RAILROAD WORKERS LOYAL TO LINES IN THIS SECTION.

The New York boat brought in a large assorted cargo of food and merchandise last night and a large amount of food supplies are being brought in over the Boston and Albany route and the Canadian lines.

While no merchandise can be placed on the boat at the New York docks on account of the strike of the freight handlers on the Manhattan side the shippers are sending their goods to the Brooklyn side and it is taken on lighters to the Naugatuck and put on board by the crews of the lighters.

It is expected that a sufficient supply of meats and western supplies will arrive through the Canadian and Boston & Albany lines to suffice until normal conditions have returned.

The mails are arriving on time and the passenger service is very good on the trains that are still running.

The Winsted express was delayed for an hour and twenty minutes this morning on account of the derailment of the engine. No damage was done.

Boston, April 14.—New England was confronted today with almost complete isolation so far as rail transportation of food, coal and raw materials was concerned. The situation caused by the strike of the freight handlers on the Manhattan side of the city has been a serious one. Railroad officials predicted that unless relief was forthcoming within 48 hours further drastic action would be made in all branches of traffic because of lack of coal.

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GOVT DECIDES TO CHANGE TREATMENT

London, April 14.—Andrew Bonar Law, the government spokesman, said in the House of Commons today that the Irish government had decided to treat those prisoners in Mount Joy prison who were arrested on suspicion by competent military authority differently from other classes of prisoners and they would receive ameliorative treatment.

Mr. Bonar Law made this announcement in replying to a question by T. P. O'Connor, the Irish Nationalist leader.

The statement of Mr. Bonar Law is taken to mean that the government has reconsidered its attitude as to let the prisoners commit suicide by hunger striking if they desired to do so. It is assumed that the new ruling will affect most, if not all of the hunger strikers in the Mount Joy prison.

Food Distribution Cost Far Too High

Washington, April 14.—Declaring that the cost of food distribution is too great, the Federal Trade Commission today recommended improved marketing facilities and processes at the great consuming centers as a long step toward lowering the high cost of living.

The movement of food should be made more direct from field to factory. The commission declared in a report on wholesale marketing of food, one of the series in the food price investigation ordered by the president.

Elimination of unnecessary costs and losses in food distribution, the report added, would not only "act as a counter agent in checking disparity in food prices and money incomes, but would strengthen the nation's position in its competition for world trade."

The report asserts that the rapid rise in food prices in recent years is not significant as "that the money incomes of large numbers have fallen far short of a proportional increase."

"The weekly wage of union organized labor in 1918 bought but 77 per cent (according to the department of labor) as much food as in 1913. The larger number of service incomes do not fall within this organized group and are much slower to respond to the pressure of a high cost of living. Moreover these incomes are for the same reason usually less in amount. It follows that for very large numbers of people receiving relatively small incomes, a week's wage in 1918 was purchasing much less than 77 per cent of the food it bought in 1913."

"Food absorbs 33.2 per cent of the average American household's income. It therefore constitutes no inconsiderable part of the wage and salary cost in all production. Of two communities whose products enter the same markets otherwise equally, that one which supplies its working people with food at a lower comparative cost either will pay its working people a higher real wage or will have a marked advantage in underselling the other through lower production costs. Both results may be some measure followed."

"A wise governmental policy towards the food industries may lower production and distribution costs together with the final sales price without proportionally increasing governmental costs, thus reducing the national cost of food."

Howat To Be Tried For Inciting Strike

Topeka, Kas., April 14.—Under a definite program of procedure against leaders of Kansas Mine Workers who have opposed operation of the Kansas court of industrial relations as made public today by Governor Henry J. Allen, criminal proceedings have been initiated against Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas Miners and his subordinates.

Howat will be charged with violating criminal sections of the industrial court act by urging miners in a speech at Glendale to stay out on strike in defiance of the court. Howat spoke from the county jail where he was sentenced to remain until ready to answer questions by the members of the industrial court.

In connection with that speech, court proceedings against G. Clint Webb, sheriff of Crawford county, were on call today in state supreme court. Webb was charged with "willful misconduct, malfeasance and nonfeasance in office" in that he sanctioned the appearance of Howat before a body of miners who had marched to the jail.

Criminal charges to be placed against Howat's assistants according to the governor's announced plan, included opposition to operation of the industrial court law.

Governor Allen's plan also included an attempt to have established by court action collection of unnecessary fees and dues by the "check off" system.

Thirteen miners and one union official were arrested in connection with the strike.

Cabrera To Leave Country

Armistice Signed In Guatemalan Difficulty.

Washington, April 14.—An armistice between the Unionists in Guatemala and forces of President Estrada Cabrera has been signed in the proposal made that President Cabrera leave the country, according to advice today to the State Department.

The armistice resulted from a conference requested by both sides held at the American Legation in Guatemala City in which the entire diplomatic corps participated. The suggestion that President Cabrera leave the country was made by the Unionist leaders, who guaranteed safe conduct for him and his family.

The Unionist movement was launched last week and the capital was captured after street fighting. President Cabrera held forts and heights dominating the place but did not permit his main fighting force to resist the Unionists when they entered Guatemala City.

PRICE RAISE CAUSES ANGER

Central Labor Union To Take Steps To Increase Wages.

Great indignation was expressed throughout the city today at the announced increase of a dollar and a half a ton in coal prices.

The dealers claim that the increased cost to them and the probability of their being unable to get additional supplies on account of the strikes on the railroads is the cause of the raise.

Most of the yards in this city have a larger supply of coal on hand than is usual at this time of the year and most of the consumers have been looking for a decrease in price which is usual during April and May.

The matter of the increase of coal and other necessities will be taken up at the meeting of the Central Labor Union tonight and it was stated this morning that steps would be taken to get an increase of wages for all the workers of the city so that they may be able to meet the increase in the cost of all commodities during the past few days.

TO TRY BIG LIBEL SUIT

The \$10,000 libel suit brought by Agnes Boucher of this city against the estate of Frederick R. Swift, which controls the Sunday Herald, is scheduled to be tried today in Judge Curtis in the superior court tomorrow.

Attorney Daniel E. Brennan, counsel for the plaintiff, was instructed by the court to have his witnesses on hand tomorrow.

It is claimed by Agnes Boucher that the Sunday Herald printed and sent an article in which it was stated that she had been guilty of stealing a large quantity of goods from a local department store. The goods mentioned were waists, skirts and other articles of women's wear. The publication of the alleged libel caused her great humiliation and injured her reputation, Agnes Boucher says.

His letter to the governors stated that his action was taken by vote of the executive committee of the Stutz directors of which he is chairman. Referring to the suspension of trading in Stutz, which was ordered by the exchange when the stock was removed from the market, he said: "The effect of this was to deny our stockholders the right to trade on your floor and yet restrict them from trading in any other market, thereby effectively depriving our entire stock issue of any market and inflicting an incalculable injury upon our company and its shareholders."

POPULATION STATISTICS.

Washington, April 14.—Population figures announced today by the Census Bureau included:

Washington, Ind., 8,705, increase of 851 or 10.9 per cent.

Ionia, Mich., 9,935, increase 1,905 or 37.9 per cent.

Fort Arthur, Tex., 22,251 increase 14,588 or 190.4 per cent.

Douglas, Ark., 9,916, increase 3,479 or 54.0 per cent.

Plymouth, Mass., 13,022, increase 891 or 7.3 per cent.

Winsted, Conn., N. C., 48,395, increase 25,625 or 113.2 per cent.

FOUND SOLDIER'S PAPERS.

Sergeant O'Brien of the local Army Recruiting Station, 925 Main street, wishes to announce that army papers belonging to Joseph F. Ennis, have been turned over to him by an employee of the Bridgeport Times, who found same in Poll's theatre on the 13th inst.

Mr. Ennis can have same by applying at the Army Recruiting Station, 925 Main street, prepared to give a description of the lost articles.

CABINET DECIDES AS TO ACTION ON STRIKE

Today's Happenings In Railroad Strike

Some of the important features of the strike today were:

New York—Freight traffic virtually at a standstill; passenger service cut to 50 percent or less on all lines except the New York Central and West Shore. Thousands of commuters marooned. Volunteer crews run locals.

Pennsylvania—200,000 men reported out of work in the Pittsburgh area. Steel, coke and coal industries crippled. More than 13,000 employees of Pennsylvania lines on strike. Freight and passenger service badly curtailed.

Ohio and Michigan—More than 200,000 men out of work as result of closed industries. Freight and passenger service crippled.

Central and Far Western States—Gradual improvement reported. Embargoes lifted on several railroads. Men returned to work in a half dozen cities.

THIEVES TAKE LENSES WORTH OVER \$1,000

Five cameras and eight lenses, valued in all at approximately \$1,100, were stolen from Corbett's photograph studio in Golden Hill street, sometime last night by burglars who gained entrance by pushing in a cellar window and forcing the inside cellar door. The theft has been reported to the police, and a vigorous investigation was started this morning.

The robbery was first discovered by Miss Dorothy T. Riley, a clerk in the studio, when she entered the store this morning. Empty camera boxes lying on the counter first caused her to investigate, and she soon discovered the loss of the lenses and cameras.

Entrance to the building was gained by pushing in a cellar window in the front of the store. The burglars then mounted the cellar stairs and forced the door leading to the studio. Once inside they proceeded in a most systematic manner to collect lenses. These were taken from all the cameras in eight, and the burglars even went so far as to search out two lenses which were packed away under a shelf. The five cameras were taken from a show case in front of the store. Two of the cameras were large Ansco's, valued at \$30 each, two more were valued at \$25 each and the third was a small vest pocket affair worth \$8. In their hurry to get away the burglars overlooked one small camera valued at \$35. The stolen lenses were worth \$1,000.

Corbett's studio was entered twice by boys, while located in Main street, but last night was the first time that it has been burglarized since it was established in Golden Hill street two years ago. No burglary insurance was carried. The loss of the lenses will be felt more keenly by the photographer inasmuch as no orders for the glasses can be filled for a year at least.

EFFORT TO CUT COST OF LIVING

In order to do its bit to reduce the high cost of living and to cut out the middlemen's charges the post office department has furnished Postmaster Charles F. Greene with a number of cards which he is to distribute and on which any one desiring to obtain supplies through the parcel post system can notify the postmaster and he will forward the request to Washington and the signer of the card will receive from Washington a list of the farmers and other producers who can furnish the supplies.

By this method the Department believes considerable money will be saved by those who get in touch with the original producers.

TO CONCLUDE AN ALLIANCE

Paris, April 14.—Conclusion of a defensive military entente between Belgium and France is imminent, according to a statement by Baron De Gaillet D'Estroy, Belgian ambassador to the city of Paris.

negotiations between the two countries have been current for some time but the nature of the understanding sought between them has not been clearly defined hitherto.

STRIKERS TO HELP MOVE FOODSTUFFS

Jersey City, April 14.—Answering an appeal by Health Commissioner Copeland of New York, 2,000 strikers from all railroads terminating on the New Jersey shore of the Hudson river agreed at a meeting here today to co-operate in moving foodstuffs into New York, according to announcement after adjournment.

STOCK DIVIDEND OF 75 PER CENT.

New York, April 14.—Directors of the American Tobacco Company today announced a common stock dividend of 75 per cent, payable to holders of Class B common stock of record July 15.

A special meeting of stockholders was called for May 6 to approve the action.

The F. W. Woolworth Company announced stockholders would be asked at the annual meeting May 19 to increase the common stock from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 and to declare a stock dividend of 30 per cent, at that time.

While working at the plant of the Bridgeport Deoxidized Bronze & Metal Company, in Iranistan avenue, this afternoon, Ben Lekowski, 33, of 19 Clinton avenue, dropped a barrel of heavy castings on his knee and sustained a fracture of the left knee cap. He was treated at the Emergency hospital.

FRACTURED KNEE, CAP.

MEETINGS HELD FROM COAST TO COAST IN EFFORT TO END TIE-UP—MANY MILLIONAIRES AID IN RUNNING TRAINS INTO NEW YORK.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington held the center of the stage today in the nationwide railroad strike. Summoned by President Wilson to discuss the railroad strike, members of his cabinet assembled at 10 o'clock for the first session since the nation's head was taken ill last fall. After the meeting it was indicated that some conclusion had been reached but its nature was not revealed.

While the day's chief parley was being held in the White House, other meetings were being held from coast to coast in an effort to end the tie-up affecting the nation's business.

A meeting of all strike leaders on the Pacific coast was scheduled to be held today in San Francisco, while in Jersey City where forces at conflict in the New York district assembled yesterday, further conferences were being staged.

While these efforts were being made to induce the strikers to return, railroads in all sections of the country were seeking to meet conditions resulting from the walkout. Morning reports indicated that while in the West the peak had been met and passed, in the Middle West and New York district roads had difficulty in more than holding their own.

Strikers were said to be returning at several points in the Central West and improvement was indicated in general traffic conditions there but in Ohio and Michigan a crisis was reported as a stoppage food supplies made itself felt on industry. Sporadic walkouts also were reported in that section. New York strove valiantly to run its food and fuel supplies through the blockade and to get its commuting into the city. Roads reported some improvement in suburban service where more than a score of trains were operated by volunteer crews, but there was no indication yet of any decided break in the strike.

New York, April 14.—Civilian volunteers to break the strike of rebellious railroad workers here were drilling in New York and New Jersey terminals today and railroad officials announced services of several hundred men probably would be utilized to operate suburban trains.

The first volunteer trains for commuters on the Erie railroad were greeted at stations by crowds waving flags and cheering. On one of these trains Mayor A. F. Wood of Newark, N. J., was firing the engine and the crowd consisted of wealthy residents of the New Jersey town.

"The millionaire special" from Upper Montclair rolled into the Erie terminal after a 45 minute run. The firemen were Richard Sanderson, New York manager of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and J. R. Quinn, the New England representative of that company. Another Erie crew included Captain Charles Mett, of J. P. Morgan and Company, and Joseph Andrews, Jr., son of the vice president of the Bank of New York.

Mayor Charles H. Merriam of East Orange, N. J., and Frank L. Kramer, for 17 years national bicycle champion, fired a train from South Orange to Hoboken. All the trains were greeted with shouts of approval at every station.

Freight service still was virtually paralyzed but the Penna announced sixty cars of foodstuffs from Chicago probably would reach the road's New Jersey terminal tonight. It was planned to bring the cars up the harbor on barges. It was announced that 53 carloads of dressed beef from Buffalo would be transported on trucks scheduled today.

Philadelphia, April 14.—Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad early today reported an improvement in the strike situation in the Philadelphia district. Nineteen more passenger and express goods trains were operated during the last 24 hours that were run the previous day and it was announced that the company expected to move some freight today.

PLAN COMPOSITE OVERALL CLUBS RELIEF BILL ARE SPREADING

Washington, April 14.—A composite soldier relief bill granting adjusted compensation at \$1 for each day's service to approximately 3,000,000 former service men will be reported to the House within a week, Chairman Fordney of the Ways and Means Committee announced today. Passage of the measure by the House is planned before May 1. Senate leaders announced the bill would be approved by the Senate before the adjournment in June, should it be passed by the House this month.

With the elimination of all commissioned officers, along with those who served less than sixty days in the army, the number of those eligible has been narrowed to approximately 3,000,000. Experts have informed the committee that the average service is ten months, making the average payment \$300 to each man. Those who were commissioned after serving as enlisted men would be paid on a basis of time served in the ranks.

Richmond, Va., April 14.—Fifteen hundred men have joined the "aid clothes and overall club," organized by the renters and consumers protective association, organized to combat the high cost of living.

Atlanta, Ga., April 14.—Chairman John A. Manter of the Georgia Fair Price Commission today called on citizens of Atlanta to organize an overalls club as a protest against clothing prices. He announced he had placed an order for 5,000 pairs of overalls to be furnished members at wholesale prices.

WOMEN AID IN BREAKING STRIKE

New York, April 14.—War time women workers were recalled today to break an elevator operators' strike in the Woolworth building, the tallest structure in the world. A fairly regular service was maintained.

The strike, declared by union officials to be unauthorized, was called yesterday to enforce demands for a ten dollar raise to \$23 a week. The strikers are picketing the building.

Copenhagen, April 14.—Dr. Wolk-Kapp, leader of the recent unsuccessful coup d'etat in Berlin, and other men prominently connected with that movement, have gathered at Danzig, which was made a free city under the Polish settlement, and city under the Polish settlement, and says a despatch to the Politiken from Berlin. Other leaders of the Kapp revolt are in hiding in Pomerania and Bavaria, the message adds.

REVOLT LEADERS ARE AT DANZIG